

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 16-17, 21-22, and 26-27 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended, added, or cancelled.

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 16-17, 21-22, and 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Levi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,137,656 (hereinafter “Levi”).

### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

Claims 1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 16-17, 21-22, and 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Levi. Levi discloses an air bearing slider for use in a disk drive with a plurality of pads that form discrete air bearing surfaces having a uniform height.

Applicant respectfully submits that Levi fails to disclose a second structure that begins more than one-third of the length of the slider body from the leading edge of the slider body, as recited in claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26. As stated previously, the specification makes no reference to where the cavity 46, cited as the second structure by the Examiner, begins in relation to the leading edge 28 of the slider body 16 and examiner has not cited to such. Therefore, Figures 2 and 3 of Levi would be the only way to divine this limitation if it existed in Levi. In Figures 2 and 3, the length of the slider body 16 is shown to be 5.7 cm for purposes of the drawing representation. To meet this limitation, the cavity 46 would have to begin more than 1.9 cm, or one-third of the length of the slider body 16, from the leading edge 28. The cavity 46 begins 0.8 cm from the leading edge 28 in Figure 2 and 0.9 cm from the leading edge 28 in Figure 3. In other words, the cavity 46 begins substantially less than a third of the length of the slider body 16 from the leading edge 28, indeed beginning less than a sixth of the length of the slider body 16 from the leading edge 28. Therefore, Levi does not anticipate claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, and 26. Applicant respectfully submits, therefore that claims 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, and 27 are allowable as depending from allowable base claims.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 16, 17, 21, 22, 26, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

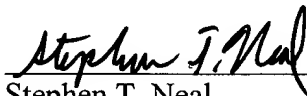
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7970 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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